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Mr. Dana Bisbee Acting Commissioner NH Department of Environmental Services 6 Hazen Dr. Concord, NH 03301

RE: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FOR THE PROTECTION OF INSTREAM FLOWS

Dear Commissioner Bisbee:

The New Hampshire Water Works Association is pleased to offer its support of the Administrative Rules for Protection of Instream Flows as issued in the November 15, 2002 DES Rulemaking Notice. The point we have arrived at today has taken more than 10 years and considerable effort on the part of DES, the New Hampshire Legislature, the Rivers Management Advisory Committee and the general public. The Water Works Association also supports the initiative by DES to secure funding to perform the instream flow studies on the Lamprey and Souhegan Rivers and looks forward to continuing to work with the Department on the Rivers Management Protection Program.

Sincerely

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